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Further Information on UA 104/07 (MDE 13/051/2007, 3 May 2007) Fear of torture or ill-treatment/ Medical concern

IRAN Hasan Hikmet Demir (m), also known as Agit, Turkish national

Hasan Hikmet Demir, a Turkish national and member of a Kurdish opposition party, was reportedly hanged in Khoy prison on 20 December 2007.

He is believed to have escaped from Oroumieh prison in northwestern Iran in the course of 2006 but was recaptured in April 2007 in the region of Khoy, 96km north of Oroumieh. As a result of freezing temperatures during the time of his arrest he suffered frostbite in his legs. Though Hasan Hikmet Demir had initially refused to have one leg amputated, it is reported that one leg was removed just above the knee. It is not known if Hasan Hikmet Demir had given permission for this surgery. Information received by Amnesty International on 8 January suggests that he did not receive adequate medical treatment and was tortured in Khoy prison in the months prior to his execution.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested.